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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices received for American apples on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, October 17, were considerably lower because of the liberal supplies available, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Mr. Smith points out that excessive quantities of apples are being exported and that if the present rate of export consignment continues lower prices may be expected. Both barreled and boxed apples are arriving in splendid condition, states Mr. Smith. The barreled stock was characterized by good color and bright appearance. Most of the barreled apples are arriving tight.

There was a good demand for Virginia Delicious. Supplies were light but the condition in general was variable. Fruit in good condition ranged from \$6.08 to \$6.20 for U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock as against \$6.89 to \$7.54 for the same size and grade last week. There was only a moderate demand, however, for Virginia York Imperials. Supplies of this variety were heavy, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock bringing from \$4.87 to \$5.11. Last week U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock, brought \$5.35 to \$5.84. Only light supplies of Virginia Jonathans were available. These met with a moderate demand, fruit in good condition bringing from \$5.60 to \$6.08 per barrel. The demand was slow for Virginia Staymans and Ben Davis. Light supplies of Massachusetts Baldwins were offered but met with a slow demand.

Supplies of Washington Jonathans exceeded the demand, states Mr. Smith. Extra Fancy 150/163/175 fruit in good condition brought from \$2.31 to \$2.43 per box compared with \$2.68 to \$2.80 per box last week. There was a good demand for Yellow Newtowns from the Medford district in Oregon. There were practically no supplies from that area, however, and Extra Fancy stock, sizes 150/163/175, brought from \$3.22 to \$3.47 per box. Fancy Newtowns, sizes 150/163/175, from California met with a slow demand, bringing \$2.13 per box for fruit in good condition compared with \$2.31 for fruit in fair condition last week. Washington Grimes also met with a slow demand. Winter Bananas and King Davids and some miscellaneous varieties brought from \$1.70 to \$1.95 per box.

Prices paid for boxed and barreled apples in the Glasgow market were about the same as those paid in Liverpool, but London prices were slightly higher than the Liverpool level. Retail prices on dessert apples in London range from 8 to 12 cents per pound and on cooking varieties from 5 to 8 cents per pound. This is considered very reasonable but the demand is dull, states Mr. Smith.

Prices paid for American fruit on Liverpool and Copenhagen auctions,
October 10 and 17, 1928

Variety and grade		Origin	Price	
			Oct. 10, 1928	Oct. 17, 1928
LIVERPOOL:			Per barrel	Per barrel
York Imperials:	U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ...	Virginia	<u>a/</u>	4.87 - 5.11
	U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ...	"	<u>a/</u>	4.62 - 4.87
	U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ...	"	4.87 - 5.11:	4.50 - 5.11
	U.S.Commer., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	5.35 - 5.84:	<u>a/</u>
Ben Davis:	U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ..	"	5.35 - 5.47:	4.14 - 4.38
Staymans:	U.S.Commer., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	5.84 - 6.08:	4.32
	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	<u>a/</u>	4.62 - 4.99
	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	<u>a/</u>	4.38 - 4.87
Jonathans:	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	<u>a/</u>	5.60 - 6.08
	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	<u>a/</u>	<u>b/</u> 4.99- 5.60
Delicious:	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	6.89 - 7.54:	6.08 - 6.20
Baldwins:	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	Massachusetts:	<u>a/</u>	4.56 - 4.74
	U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. :	"	<u>a/</u>	4.14 - 4.87
Miscellaneous varieties	Not given		<u>a/</u>	<u>c/</u> 3.65- 4.62
			Per box	Per box
Jonathans:	Ex. Fancy, 150/163/175 :	Washington	2.68 - 2.80:	2.31 - 2.43
	Ex.Fancy, 188/smaller ..	"	2.31 - 2.86:	2.19 - 2.31
	Fancy, 150/163/175	"	2.55 - 2.68:	1.89 - 2.07
	Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.25 - 2.55:	1.82 - 1.95
	Combination (Ex.Fancy		:	:
	and Fancy) 150/163/175 :	"	2.55 - 2.68:	2.19 - 2.43
	Combination (Ex.Fancy		:	:
	and Fancy) 188/smaller:	"	2.49 - 2.62:	1.89 - 2.19
	C Grade, 150/180	"	2.19	1.70
Yellow Newtowns:	Ex.Fcy., 150/163/175:	Oregon	<u>a/</u>	<u>d/</u> 3.22- 3.47
	Ex.Fcy., 188/smaller:	"	<u>a/</u>	<u>d/</u> 2.92- 3.16
	Fancy, 188/smaller :	"	<u>a/</u>	<u>d/</u> 2.43- 2.66
	Fancy, 150/163/175 :	California	<u>e/</u> 2.31	2.13
Grimes:	Ex.Fancy, 150/163/175...	Washington	<u>a/</u>	2.07
	Ex.Fancy, 188/smaller...	"	<u>a/</u>	1.82
Pears:				
Winter Nellis	Washington	<u>a/</u>	3.16 - 3.41	
Bosc	Oregon	<u>a/</u>	3.16 - 3.71	
D'Anjou	"	4.32 - 4.87:	3.28 - 4.56	
		Per half box:	Per half box	
D'Anjou	"	<u>a/</u>	1.95 - 2.19	
		Per barrel	Per barrel	
Keiffer	New York	5.11 - 6.08:	5.35 - 6.33	
		Per box	Per box	
Grapefruit	Jamaica	5.60 - 6.20:	5.60 - 5.96	
Grapefruit	Porto Rico	5.84 - 6.08:	5.60 - 5.96	
		October 5	October 12	
COPENHAGEN:			Per barrel	Per barrel
Ben Davis, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Virginia	<u>a/</u>	4.87 - 5.84	
York Imperials, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ...	"	<u>a/</u>	5.11 - 6.45	
Winesaps, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	<u>a/</u>	6.57 - 7.06	
<u>a/</u> None quoted in cable. <u>b/</u> Poor condition. <u>c/</u> Not in standard merchandising condition. <u>d/</u> From Medford district. <u>e/</u> Fair condition.				

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